



# **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

## **FY 2013 Grant Implementation Session**

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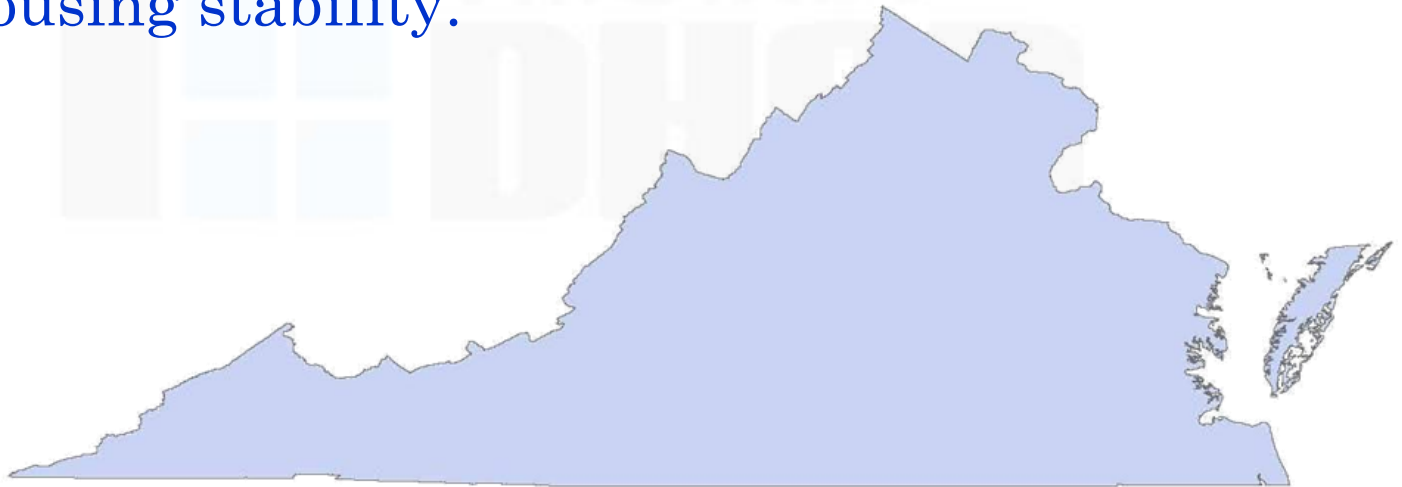
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# Emergency Solutions Grant

The Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) is a federally funded program to assist households experiencing homelessness or at-risk of experiencing homelessness to obtain housing stability.





# Emergency Solutions Grant

## The program goals are:

- to provide effective and efficient assistance
- to reduce the length of time households experience homelessness
- to reduce the number of households returning to homelessness





# Concurrent Grants

ESG Second Stage (2011-12 funds)

ESG 2012-13

- Set up as two separate projects in CAMS
- All budgets, reporting and reimbursements will be tracked according to the respective grant





# Questions ?????



# Who is eligible for ESG services?

**ESG targets individuals and families who are homeless and those who are at-risk of homelessness.**

**These include households that fall into the following categories:**

- Literally homeless: Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence including those residing in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation and those exiting an institution where they resided temporarily
- At-risk households: Individuals and families who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence
- Households fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence who are either literally homeless or at-risk of homelessness (category one and two above)



## Eligible Activities

- Shelter Operations
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Prevention
- HMIS
- Administration

Please note that stage two funding excludes shelter operation as an eligible activity.





# Initial eligibility by Activity Type

ESG Program Participant Initial Eligibility by Activity Type	
<i>ESG Eligible Activity</i>	<i>Program Participant Eligibility</i>
Emergency Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literally homeless</li><li>• At imminent risk of homelessness</li><li>• Individuals existing institution (where the resided temporarily) with no resources or anywhere to go.</li></ul>
Rapid Re-housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literally homeless (shelter residents, living in other situations not meant for human habitation); or</li><li>• Individuals existing institution (where they resided temporarily – 90 days or less) with no resources or anywhere to go; <b>AND</b></li><li>• No other resources</li></ul>
Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At imminent risk of homelessness; <b>AND</b></li><li>• Household income below 30 percent AMI; <b>AND</b></li><li>• No other resources</li></ul>



# Eligible Activities Shelter Operations

- Emergency and seasonal shelter – not TH
- Rent
- Security
- Maintenance
- Utilities
- Supplies
- Essential Services (case management and limited support services)
- Other (requires DHCD pre-approval)



# Eligible Activities Rapid Re-housing

- Rent assistance/rent arrears
- Other financial assistance
- Housing stabilization services (case management)
- Housing search and placement
- Credit repair



# Rapid Re-housing Recertification

- RRH assistance beyond three months requires recertification of eligibility.
- This recertification must be completed every three months.



# Rapid Re-housing Recertification

*Recertification* requires sub-grantee certification and evidence of:

- Program participant household income below 50 percent area median income (AMI) with no more than \$500 in assets
- The household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to remain in existing housing without ESG re-housing assistance
- Housing stabilization services are being appropriately implemented



# Eligible Activities Prevention

- Rent assistance/rent arrears
- Other financial assistance
- Housing stabilization services (case management)
- Housing search and placement
- Mediation/legal services
- Credit repair



# Prevention Recertification

- Prevention assistance beyond three months requires recertification of eligibility.
- This recertification must be completed every three months.



# Prevention Recertification

*Recertification* requires sub-grantee certification and evidence of:

- Program participant household income below 30 percent area median income (AMI) with no more than \$500 in assets
- The household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to remain in existing housing without ESG prevention assistance
- Housing stabilization services are being appropriately implemented





# Eligible Activities Administration

- Available to local government sub-grantees only
- Limited to five percent
- Costs associated with accounting for grant funds
- Preparing reports
- Obtaining audits
- Staff salaries associated with these activities



# Eligible Activities HMIS

## Eligible HMIS activities include:

- Reasonable costs associated with operating HMIS for ESG purposes
- Costs associated with the purchase of HMIS software or user licenses
- Computer equipment for the purposes of ESG HMIS data entry
- Data entry and analysis costs (staff)
- HMIS specific training (travel and staff)



# Ineligible/Prohibited Activities

- Sub-grantee past due taxes
- Sub-grantee late fees
- Repayment of loan from program participant to sub-grantee
- Return of deposits not tracked as program income
- Assistance where other sources are available
- Program participant fees
- See program guidelines for a more extensive list of prohibited activities (pg 20 of the ESG guidelines)



# Questions ?????



## 2-1-1 Requirement

- Agency must maintain up-to-date program information on the Virginia 2-1-1 system
- <http://www.211virginia.org/contactus.php>



## Property Standards Requirement

- Basic Habitability form\* must be completed for all prevention and rapid re-housing cases and included in files
- Lead Based Paint Visual Assessment form\* must be completed and included in ALL program participant records

\* Forms will be provided by DHCD



## Fair Market Rent and Rent Reasonableness Requirement

- Rent for HH moving into new units must meet two standards
- Rent Reasonableness – rent is equal to or less than other like units in the area
- Fair Market Rent (FMR) – rent (including utilities) is at or below the HUD established FMR for the unit size in the area



## Central Intake/ Location Coordination Requirement

Sub-grantees must participate in the CoC or local planning group and participate in local (region, CoC, or local planning group) efforts to coordinate homeless services. This includes any local centralized or coordinated intake systems in the sub-grantee's service area(s).





**Due by July 20, 2012**

- PY 2012-2013 budget
- Stage two budget (only if applicable)
- Certifications and Assurances form
- Renewal application

# Questions ?????



# Financial Reporting Processes and Calendar

Bi-Monthly  
reimbursements  
through CAMS

Expenditure Period	Request for Reimbursement Submission Date
July 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012	September 10, 2012
September 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012	November 10, 2012
November 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012	January 10, 2013
January 1, 2013 – February 28, 2013	March 10, 2013
March 1, 2013 – April 30, 2013	May 10, 2013
May 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013	July 10, 2013



# Key outcomes and objectives

- Reduction in the number of households entering the homeless assistance system
- Reduction of the length of shelter stays
- Reduction in the number of households returning to homelessness
- Number/percentage of HHs served where homelessness was prevented
- Number/percentage of HHs served that are in permanent housing at three months (as measured from program entrance date)
- Number/percentage of HHs served that are in permanent housing at six months (as measured from program entrance date)
- Number of homeless in PIT for specific CoC or local planning group

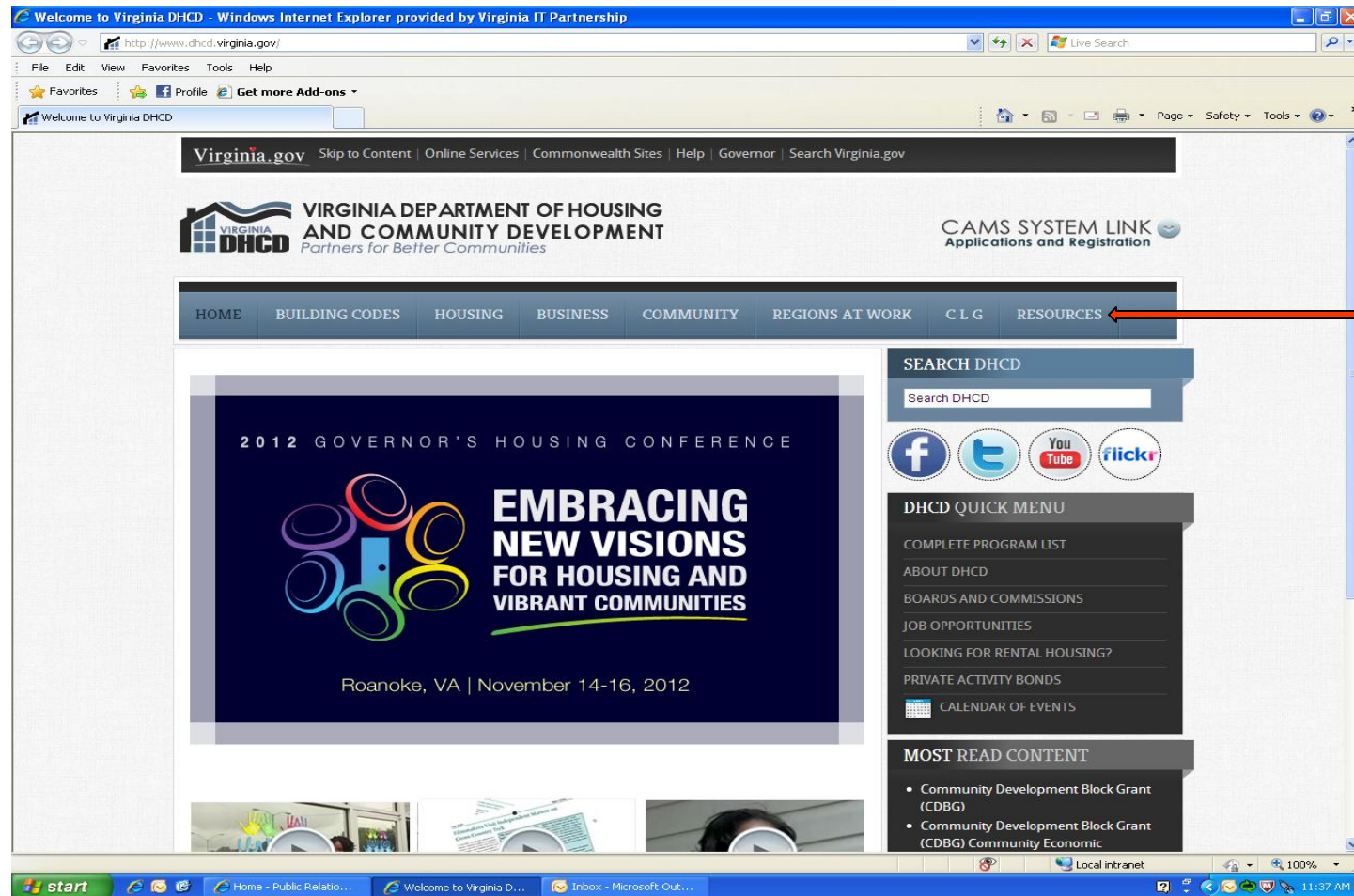


## Key Outputs/Demographics

- Number of HH served
- Number of HH with dependent children
- Number of HH with disability
- Number of veterans
- Head of HH employment status at entry
- Head of HH employment status at exit
- Perhaps other HMIS standard data elements



# DHCD's new website





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